

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Electron beam exposure equipment comprising:  
an electron gun; an electron optics system irradiating  
an electron beam emitted from said electron gun on a  
5 sample via aligners and two electromagnetic lenses for  
forming one image; and an electron detector used for  
detecting the position of said electron beam, wherein  
the position of an electron beam near an image plane  
with changing excitation of said two electromagnetic  
10 lenses is measured, and driving of said aligners and/or  
the excitation intensity of said two electromagnetic  
lenses is reset based on the measured result for  
performing optical adjustment of said electron optics  
system.

15 2. The electron beam exposure equipment  
according to claim 1, wherein said electron beams are  
multi beams having plural electron beams arrayed at a  
predetermined pitch, and a specific electron beam of  
said multi beams is used to measure the position of an  
20 electron beam near an image plane.

3. The electron beam exposure equipment  
according to claim 1, wherein one of said two  
electromagnetic lenses is under stronger excitation,  
and the other is under weaker excitation.

25 4. The electron beam exposure equipment  
according to claim 1, wherein in said resetting, one of  
said two electromagnetic lenses is under stronger  
excitation, and the other is under weaker excitation.

5. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 1, wherein the magnitudes of the rates of change of excitation current of said two electromagnetic lenses are almost equal.

5           6. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 1, wherein the magnitudes of the change of excitation current of said two electromagnetic lenses are almost equal.

          7. The electron beam exposure equipment  
10 according to claim 1, wherein in said resetting, the ratio between the magnitude of the rate of change of excitation current of the electromagnetic lens on the upstream side of said two electromagnetic lenses and the magnitude of the rate of change of excitation  
15 current of the electromagnetic lens on the downstream side thereof is almost equal to a magnification decided by said two electromagnetic lenses.

          8. Electron beam exposure equipment comprising:  
an electron optics system irradiating plural electron  
20 beams arrayed at a predetermined pitch on a sample via aligners and a doublet lens having two electromagnetic lenses for forming one image; and an electron detector used for detecting the position of said electron beam, wherein in a specific electron beam of said plural  
25 electron beams, the position of said specific electron beam near an image plane with changing excitation of said two electromagnetic lenses is measured, and driving of said aligners and/or the excitation

intensity of said two electromagnetic lenses is reset based on the measured result for performing optical adjustment of said electron optics system.

5        9. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 8, wherein one of said two electromagnetic lenses is under stronger excitation, and the other is under weaker excitation.

10       10. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 8, wherein in said resetting, one of said two electromagnetic lenses is under stronger excitation, and the other is under weaker excitation.

15       11. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 8, wherein the magnitudes of the rates of change of excitation current of said two electromagnetic lenses are almost equal.

      12. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 8, wherein the magnitudes of the change of excitation current of said two electromagnetic lenses are almost equal.

20       13. The electron beam exposure equipment according to claim 8, wherein in said resetting, the ratio between the magnitude of the rate of change of excitation current of the electromagnetic lens on the upstream side of said two electromagnetic lenses and  
25       the magnitude of the rate of change of excitation current of the electromagnetic lens on the downstream side thereof is almost equal to a magnification decided by said two electromagnetic lenses.

14. Electron beam exposure equipment  
comprising: an electron gun; an electron optics system  
irradiating an electron beam emitted from said electron  
gun on a sample via aligners and at least two  
5 electromagnetic lenses for forming one image; and an  
electron detector used for detecting the position of  
said electron beam, wherein the position of an electron  
beam near an image plane with changing excitation of  
said at least two electromagnetic lenses is measured,  
10 and driving of said aligners and/or the excitation  
intensity of said two electromagnetic lenses is reset  
based on the measured result for performing optical  
adjustment of said electron optics system.

15. An electron beam exposure method comprising  
15 the steps of: irradiating an electron beam emitted from  
an electron gun on a sample via aligners and an  
electron optics system having two electromagnetic  
lenses for forming one image; detecting the position of  
said electron beam using said electron detector; and  
20 measuring the position of an electron beam near an  
image plane with changing excitation of said two  
electromagnetic lenses to reset driving of said  
aligners and/or the excitation intensity of said two  
electromagnetic lenses based on the measured result for  
25 performing optical adjustment of said electron optics  
system.

16. The electron beam exposure method according  
to claim 15, wherein said electron beams are multi

beams having plural electron beams arrayed at a predetermined pitch, and a specific electron beam of said multi beams is used to measure the position of an electron beam near an image plane.

5           17. The electron beam exposure method according to claim 16, wherein a specific electron beam of said multi beams is used to measure the position of an electron beam near an image plane, and a value obtained from the position of said specific electron beam is  
10 used as the position of an electron beam.

18. The electron beam exposure method according to claim 15, wherein in said resetting, one of said two electromagnetic lenses is under stronger excitation, and the other is under weaker excitation.

15           19. The electron beam exposure method according to claim 15, wherein the magnitudes of the rates of change of excitation current of said two electromagnetic lenses or the magnitudes of the change thereof are almost equal.

20           20. The electron beam exposure method according to claim 15, wherein in said resetting, the ratio between the magnitude of the rate of change of excitation current of the electromagnetic lens on the upstream side of said two electromagnetic lenses and  
25 the magnitude of the rate of change of excitation current of the electromagnetic lens on the downstream side thereof is almost equal to a magnification decided by said two electromagnetic lenses.